

yielded to their wishes in both regards. Apponyi in Hungary was honestly convinced that he was standing up for the oppressed and for the cause of righteousness by insisting that the Magyar should be at least on an equality with the Austrian German; and he was shocked and puzzled by finding that a large number of Hungarian Slavs regarded his attitude, and the attitude of the Magyars, toward them as itself an attitude of pure oppression, and which showed the fundamental hypocrisy of the Magyar attitude toward the German.

One reason why he and the other Hungarian politicians whom I met got on well with me was probably the fact that I knew a good deal of Hungarian history and Hungarian constitutional claims; that I understood, for instance, that the Emperor of Austria was not emperor in Hungary, and always alluded to him as the king—to give him his full, and delightful title, "apostolic king"—while I was in Hungary; that I understood that the analogy between England and Ireland was to be found, not in Austria's attitude toward Hungary, but in Hungary's attitude toward Croatia, etc., etc. As I have said, any ordinary scholar with a good second-hand knowledge of history is acquainted with all this as a matter of course; but among politicians the one-eyed is apt to be king—so far as concerns foreign history, or indeed so far as concerns any branch of abstract knowledge not dealing with applied politics, applied economics, or money-making.

When I was received in the legislative hall  
at Budapest,  
I was at first a little bit puzzled to know why  
they so  
immensely appreciated my allusions to Arpad,  
St. Stephen,  
Mathew Corvinus, and other Hungarian  
heroes, to the provisions of the Golden  
Bull of one  
King Bela, and to the curious indirect results  
of the Bogomil heresy, and the double part played by  
racial and religious  
considerations in causing the  
Protestants of Hun-  
gary and Transylvania to side with the Turk  
rather than  
with the Austrian; ultimately I found that the  
reason was  
their sensitiveness to the fact that all these  
names meant